decided to permit movement of foodgrains into the statutorily rationed areas up to five seers per head.

5. Collection of Land Revenue in kind.

In the Press Note dated 10th April 1952, it was announced that Government intended to enforce the system of collection of land revenue in kind instead of in cash. On further examination, it is now felt that in view of the practical difficulties, Government have decided to continue to collect land revenue in cash only as heretofore and abandon the idea of enforcing the collection of revenue in kind.

6. Levy System.

As already announced in the Press Note dated 10th April 1952, the procurement of foodgrains by "Levy System" is under examination and details of the scheme are being worked out and will be announced shortly, well in time, before the next harvest.

(P. N. No. 91—14-8-52).

Press Note.

The necessity having arisen in the matter of assisting agriculturists in the State to secure manure, seeds, agricultural implements and other necessities, Government sanctioned in 1949 a scheme for the establishment of Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies. Accordingly, 82 Taluk Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies have been established and have been registered all over the State. With a view to making these societies self-supporting and not always dependent on Government assistance, the several concessions granted to them in the shape of staff, transport charges, rents for godowns, etc., have since been withdrawn by Government.

It is heartening to note that a good number of these societies are self-supporting and are working in a satisfactory manner. It is also true that several others that are working honestly, have been handicapped by lack of finance and, therefore, have not been able to meet their normal expenditure. Government have carefully considered this problem of extending help to such of those societies as really deserve assistance and have now been pleased to allot a sum of rupees one lakh for the year 1952-53 for the sole purpose of giving pecuniary assistance,—Rs. 100 per month per society to be given as subvention only to such of those Taluk Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies as really deserve encouragement in order to work honestly and satisfactorily. This concession is applicable only for the current year.

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has been authorised to distribute this amount, keeping in view the purpose behind the sanction of this concession. He has been requested to see that a judicious use is made of this amount. He has also been requested to see that wherever help is to be given, such help is rendered expeditiously.

(P.N. No. 92—14-8-1952).

Press Note.

Abolition of Rural Development Committees.

In pursuance of the scheme for the re-organisation of the Rural Development work started in October 1948, District and Taluk Development Committees were constituted during February and March 1949. These Committees were vested with powers of sanctioning estimates of Rural Development works and sanctioning expenditure in regard to certain items. Consequent upon the promulgation of the Village Panchayet and District Boards Act of 1952, and also as a measure of economy, the Rural Development Committees have been abolished.

During the past three and half years, these Rural Development Committees have generally met regularly and transacted business efficiently with enthusiasm and sense of responsibility. Apart from tendering valuable advice to Government in matters of rural development, the Committees have considerably facilitated the execution of rural development works and have striven hard in several places to kindle local initiative. Government wish to thank the Chairmen and Members of the District and Taluk Development Committees for the work they have done and to place on record their appreciation of the services rendered.

(P. N. No. 93—14-8-1952).

Press Note.

Prize of Rs. 2,000 for the best Model of Mohwa Hand Decorticator.

In Press Note No. 33, dated 12th May 1951, an announcement was made to the effect that a prize of Rs. 2,000 will be awarded by the Indian Central Oil Seeds Committee to any person or body who designs the best model of hand-driven decorticator and it was specified that entries should be sent to the Secretary, the Indian Central Oil Seeds Committee, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Room No. 345, Block No. 9, Shah-ha-Jahan Road, New Delhi, so as to reach him not later than 30th April 1952.

The Indian Central Oil Seeds Committee has now announced that the last date for the receipt of entries has been extended to 31st August 1952. Intending competitors are requested to note the extension of the last date.

(P.N. No. 94—18-8-52).

Press Note.

Distress Relief.

In view of the fact that it has not been found possible to afford relief in the distress-affected areas of the State solely through the Distress Relief Funds, Government have decided that the funds at the disposal of the Grow More Food Campaign may be partly diverted to this work. They have, accordingly, directed that the Public Works Department might take up, urgently, distress relief works wherever found necessary, and to see that employment is given to the unemployed in these regions. Government have also decided on the amounts to be allocated to each district as follows, for the current year :—

Kolar District	...	...	Rs. 3 lakhs
Chitaldrug District	...	...	Do
Tumkur District	...	...	Do
Shimoga District	...	...	Rs. 1½ lakhs
Hassan District	...	...	Do
Kadur District	...	...	Rs. 1 lakh
Bangalore District	...	...	Do
Mysore District	...	...	Do
Mandya District	...	...	Rs. 1·17 lakhs

(P.N. No. 95—18-8-52).

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Notification dated 13th August 1952.

SALE OF UNSERVICEABLE ARTICLES.

It is hereby notified for the information of the public that an auction sale of unserviceable articles in the Laboratory, Workshop and Nursery, will be held at 2 P.M. on 8th September 1952 in the premises of the Forest Research Laboratory, Malleswaram, by the Chief Conservator or any other Officer deputed by him.

Full details and specifications of all the articles exposed for sale and examination of the same can be made at the Laboratory premises on all working days during office hours.

2. The sale is subject to confirmation of the Chief Conservator of Forests who reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason.

3. Each intending bidder must deposit in cash as earnest money Rs. 15, with the sale conducting officer. The deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them at the close of the sale. Those of the successful bidders will be retained as security for fulfilment of the contract and is liable to forfeiture to Government on breach of the conditions.